

GROCCRS AND OFF-LICENCES, &c., BELFAST.

RETURN to an Order of the Honorable The House of Commons,
dated 7 August 1855;—*for*,

RETURN "showing (1) the Number of SPIRIT GROCCRS, or OFF-LICENCE HOLDERS, in *Belfast*; (2) the Number of such LICENCES granted during the past Ten Years; (3) the Number of PROSECUTIONS during the last Three Years instituted against Persons holding such LICENCES; and (4) the Number of CONVICTIONS during the last Three Years recorded against those Persons."

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Number of Spirit Groccrs, or Off-Licence Holders, in <i>Belfast</i> .	Number of such Licences granted during the past Ten Years.	Number of Prosecutions during the last Three Years instituted against Persons holding such Licences.	Number of Convictions recorded during the last Three Years against those Persons.
261	277 (a)	294 (b)	166 (c)

NOTES.

(a) Although 277 new spirit groccrs' licences have been granted during the period, 44 have lapsed within the same time.

(b) These figures include all prosecutions against persons holding spirit groccrs' licences for breaches of the Licensing Acts.

(b) and (c) There were four prosecutions and convictions for excise offences in the last three years, and also two instances in which compromise penalties were paid. The remaining prosecutions and convictions were had by the police in respect of other than excise offences.

Royal Irish Constabulary Office,
Dublin Castle, 25 August 1855.

Andrew Bead,
Inspector General.

